

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated November 3, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5, 10-13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Numano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,313,898) in view of Sibahara (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,176); rejected claims 3-4, 7-9, 14-15 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Numano et al. and Sibahara in view of Song et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,710,837). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...at least three electric field distorting means on a domain boundary of the pixel, wherein two electric field distorting means extend to edges of the pixel region and the remaining one electric field distorting means is located at a central portion of the domain boundary." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-9, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 10 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 10 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein two electric field distorting means extend to edges of the pixel region and the remaining one electric field distorting means is located at a central portion of the domain boundary." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 and claims 11-20, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

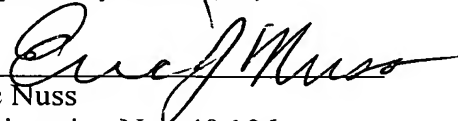
Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-

7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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